

RECYCLING BLUE BAG ISSUES

The following information has been written down to answer questions relative to the selection by the City of West Allis of a specific recycling bag vendor:

In 1994, in preparation for mandatory curbside recycling, the City of West Allis selected a specific company to produce the official recycling bag for the collection of commingled recyclables from the curb/alley. This decision was based on needing a bag that meets the following four criteria:

1. 50 pound weight test limit (to eliminate problems with bag failure during collection)
2. 30 gallon size (to reduce the number of setouts at each residence and thus reduce collection costs)
3. ability of manufacturer to recycle bags after use (to keep the bags out of the landfill)
4. marketing ability through retail outlets (to provide a wide range of retail opportunities for residents to purchase the bags at a variety of convenient, local stores)

After a national search of major bag manufacturers (Glad, Hefty, etc.), the City found that only Presto Products of Appleton, Wisconsin met all four specifications.

As of this time, over 20 retail outlets in the City carry the Presto Recycling Bags for sale to residents.